

## REMARKS

Claims 1-78 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 stand allowed. Claims 14-78 stand rejected. Claims 15-17, 20-23, 26, 67-69, 72-75 and 78 stand objected to. Claims 14-17, 20-21, 23, 26-27, 40, and 53-78 have been amended. Claims 1-78 remain in the application.

The specification has been amended to add language like Claim 14.

Claims 15-17, 20-23, 26, 67-69, 72-75 and 78 were objected to because of incorrect reference letters. In Claims 15-17, 20-21, 23, and 26, reference letters were corrected to resolve the objection.

Claims 53-78 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. The rejection stated:

"These claims recite a computer program product for performing the method of respective claims 1-26, without any recitation of a computer readable medium. A statutory product with descriptive material must include a positive recitation of the computer readable medium (MPEP 2106)."

Claims 53-78 have been amended to include a recitation of computer readable medium. This change is supported by the application as filed, notably, at page 5, lines 2-7 and 20-23.

Claims 14-26, 40-52 and 66-78 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The rejection stated:

"The specification does not appear to support the recitation of a step or means for using only fast pixel values for generating a tone scale function if saturation is not present, as recited in base claims 14 and 40."

Claims 14 and 40 have been amended to eliminate the phrase: "otherwise, using only fast pixel values". It is noted that this is a broadening amendment. The remaining claims are dependent on one of independent claims 14 and 40.

Claims 27-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The rejection stated:

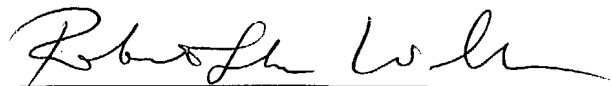
"Base claim 27 recites a part a) and a part c), but not a part b). It is unclear whether an additional means was inadvertently omitted by the applicant, or whether only two means were meant to be claimed."

Claim 27 was amended to change c) to b) correcting the typographical error.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Luke Walker", written in dark ink.

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